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41.	धमतरी	2832
42.	बालघाट	6578
43.	मंडला	3520
44.	सेवनी	6122
45.	टीकमगढ़	5634
46.	पश्चिम निमाड़	1276
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Outbreak of Fire at Devarapally Oilfield

1995. SHRl AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY NIRPUM: SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a massive fire broke out in the ONGC's oilfield at Devarpally in East Godavari district on the 19 Februrary* 1997; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what were the reasons therefor and the details of damage and economic loss caused thereby;

(c) whwther it is a fact that alarm bells sounded two hours before, but the flames leapt; if so, the reasons for not controlling the fire;

(d) whether Government have set up any committee to investigate the causes of fire;

(e) if so; the suggestion made by the Committee; and

(f) how much time it is likely to take to control the fire and restore the oilwells to normal working position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. A blow out occurred at the Mandapeta West-1 drill site located near Devarapalli Village on 19.02.1997 at about 1300 hrs.

(b) While drilling at a depth of 2754.5 mtrs, the well became active and suddenly oil and gas started gushing out from the cellar pit and caught fire. The rig and equipment belonging to M/s. Hitech Drilling Co. have been damaged. The losses incurred by ONGC as a result of the blow out are provisionally estimated to* be around Rs. 702 lakhs.

(c) When an influx had taken place in the well bore at a depth of 2754.5 mt., the alarm bell was sounded by the driller on the rig to alert the crew members who took immediate necessary actions. However, the overflowing on the rig to alert the crew members who took immediate necessary actions. However, the overflowing well fluids caught fire.

(d) and (e) ONGC has constituted a Departmental Enquiry Committee to conduct an enquiry into the blow out. Apart form this, ONGC has instituted another independent enquriy to be conducted by Major Gen. S.C.N. Jatar(Retd). These Committee have not yet submitted their reports.

(f) The fire died down on 24.02.1997. As per the expert opinion, the well is not likely to be revived and is to be abadoned.

Strike by ONGC Workers of Krishna Godavari Basin

1996. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC workers of Krishna Godavari basin were on strike in January, 1997;

(b) if so, the demands of the agitating workers; and

(c) the reasons for delay in finding a solution to their demands?

THE MINISTER OF ST*ATE* IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, some employees of the Krishna Godavari Project of ONGC Ltd. had resported to relay hunger protest from 30.1.1997 to 24.2.1997 in support of their demands relating to construction of office building and residential quarters at Rajahmundry; upgradation of Krishna Godavari project into an independent region etc. After a seried of meeting by ONGC officials with the representatives of employees, the relay hunger protest has been called off.

Expansion of the Refinery Industry

1997. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with the liberalisation of economy and entry of private sector, Government have decided to have a major expansion programme in the refinery industry;

(b) if so, whether the existing/ operating refineries are of 54 MT PA capcity;

(c) whether all the 12 operating refineries are old and have not been expanded so far:

(d) whether any concrete programme for expansion of these refineries has been undertaken; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present refining capacity in the country is 60.55 MMTPA.

(c) to (e) At present there are 14 refineries operating in the country.

Participation of MPs in ihe meeting of District Development Councils

1998. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have been requested to issue instructions to State Governments to allow MPs to participate in the meetings of district development councils concerning segments of their constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary instructions have since been issued in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K, ALAGH): (a) to (d) The Department of Programme Implementation does not deal with matters relating to District Development Councils, nor has it received any request to issue instructions to State Govemment to allow Members of Parliament to participate in the meetings of District Development Councils.

Development of Hill Areas of Andhra Pradesh

1999. SHRI K. K. KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some projects for development of Hill areas of Andhra Pradesh have been undertaken under the scheme for special central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, with steps to be taken in this regard, on the lines of similar projects undertaken in other hill areas of the country?